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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Information Collection tools

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, INTL-485-89 (TD 8400), Taxation of Gain or Loss from Certain Nonfunctional Currency Transactions (Section 988 Transactions) (Sections 1.988-0 through 1.988-5); Form 1120-W, Estimated Tax for Corporations; and Form 944, Employer's Annual Employment Tax Return, Form 944(SP), Declaracion Federal Anual de Impuestos del Patrono o Empleador and Form 944-X, Adjusted Employer's Annual Federal Tax Return or Claim for Refund.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS DOCUMENT IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Yvette Lawrence, Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue

NW., Washington, DC 20224. Please send separate comments for each specific information collection listed below. You must reference the information collection's title, form number, reporting or record-keeping requirement number, and OMB number (if any) in your comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the collection tools should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202)622-3634, or through the internet at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Currently, the IRS is seeking comments concerning the following information collection tools, reporting, and record-keeping requirements:

- 1) *Title:* Taxation of Gain or Loss from Certain Nonfunctional Currency Transactions (Section 988 Transactions).

OMB Number: 1545-1131.

Form Number: INTL-485-89.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code sections 988(c)(1)(D) and (E) allow taxpayers to make elections concerning the taxation of exchange gain or loss on certain foreign currency denominated transactions. In addition, Code sections 988(a)(1)(B) and 988(d) require taxpayers to identify transactions which generate capital gain or loss or which are hedges of other transactions. This regulation provides guidance on making the elections and complying with the identification rules.

Current Actions: There are no changes to the previously approved burden of this existing collection.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 40 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,333.

2) *Title:* Estimated Tax for Corporations.

OMB Number: 1545-0975.

Form Number: 1120-W.

Abstract: Under section 6655 of the Internal Revenue Code, a corporation with an income tax liability of \$500 or more must make four required installments of estimated tax during the tax year or be subject to a penalty for failure to pay estimated income tax. Form 1120-W is used by corporations to compute their estimated income tax and the amount of each required installment.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the revenue procedure at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 900,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 14 hrs., 16 min.

Estimated Total Annual Reporting Burden hours: 12,831,766.

3) *Title:* Employer's Annual Employment Tax Return.

OMB Number: 1545-2007.

Form Number: Forms 944, 944(SP) and 944-X.

Abstract: The information on Form 944 will be collected to ensure the smallest nonagricultural and nonhousehold employers are paying the correct amount of social security tax, Medicare tax, and withheld federal income tax. Information on line 13 will be used to determine if employers made any required deposits of these taxes. Form 944(SP) is the Spanish version of the Form 944. 944-X is used to correct errors made on Form 944.

Current Actions: There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individual or households, Businesses and other for-profit organizations, Not-for-profit institutions, and State, Local, and tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,020,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 13 hrs., 44 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 14,019,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the

collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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